

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Presently Amended) A polyacetal resin composition comprising a polyacetal resin, a flame retardant, and a basic nitrogen-containing compound, wherein the flame retardant comprises a phosphorus-containing compound and an aromatic compound which accelerates flame retardation in association with the phosphorus-containing compound, wherein the proportion of the phosphorus-containing compound is 1 to 500 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the aromatic compound, and the total amount of the phosphorus-containing compound and the aromatic compound is 1 to 100 parts by weight, and wherein the proportion of the nitrogen-containing compound is 0.01 to 80 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyacetal resin.
2. (Previously Presented) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the phosphorus-containing compound is at least one member selected from the group consisting of red phosphorus, an organic phosphonate, an organic phosphinate, a (poly)phosphate, and a phosphoric acid ester.
3. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the phosphorus-containing compound is at least one member selected from the group consisting of a stabilized red phosphorus, an organic phosphonic acid metal salt, an organic phosphinic acid metal salt, ammonium polyphosphate, and a condensed phosphate.
4. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the phosphorus-containing compound comprises a stabilized red phosphorus and a thermoplastic resin.

5. (Previously Presented) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 4, wherein the thermoplastic resin is at least one member selected from the group consisting of an olefinic resin, a polyurethane resin, and a polyamide resin.

6. (Presently Presented) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic compound is a compound having a hydrocarbon ring reactive to formaldehyde, or a derivative thereof.

7. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic compound is a compound having at least one member selected from the group consisting of a phenolic hydroxyl group and a phenolic amino group, or its derivative.

8. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic compound is at least one aromatic ring-containing resin selected from the group consisting of a resin having an aromatic ring containing at least one group selected from a hydroxyl group and an amino group, an aromatic nylon resin, a polycarbonate resin, a polyarylate resin, an aromatic epoxy resin, and an aromatic polyether resin.

9. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 8, wherein the resin having an aromatic ring containing at least one group selected from a hydroxyl group and an amino group is at least one member selected from the group consisting of a phenolic aralkyl resin, a phenolic novolak resin, an aromatic vinyl resin, a phenol melamine novolak resin, and an aniline resin.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Amended) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the basic nitrogen-containing compound is at least one member selected from

urea or its derivative, an amidine derivative, aminotriazine or its derivative, pyrimidine or its derivative, hydrazine or its derivative, an amide compound, and a urethane compound.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Presently Presented) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, which comprises a polyacetal resin, at least one phosphorus-containing compound selected from a particulate stabilized red phosphorus and ammonium polyphosphate, an aromatic ring-containing resin containing, in its repeating unit, a benzene ring or a bisphenol unit, and a basic nitrogen-containing compound, wherein the proportion of the phosphorus-containing compound is 10 to 400 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the aromatic ring-containing resin, the total amount of the phosphorus-containing compound and the aromatic ring-containing resin is 5 to 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyacetal resin, and the proportion of the basic nitrogen-containing compound is 0.05 to 50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyacetal resin.

15. (Currently Amended) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, which further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a dripping inhibitor, an oxidation inhibitor, a heat stabilizer, a filler, an inorganic flame retardant, ~~an inhibitor for inhibiting the formation of a phosphoric acid derivative~~, and an impact resistance improver.

16. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a flame-retardant polyacetal resin composition by mixing a polyacetal resin, a flame retardant claimed in claim 1, and a basic nitrogen-containing compound, wherein the proportion of the nitrogen-containing compound is 0.01 to 80 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyacetal resin.

17. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 16, which comprises melt-mixing a master batch constituted of at least two components selected from a polyacetal resin— resin, a phosphorus-containing compound, an aromatic compound, and a basic nitrogen-containing compound, with a polyacetal resin.

18. (Original) A shaped article made from a polyacetal resin composition claimed in claim 1.

19. (Previously Presented) A shaped article according to claim 18, which is an electric/electronic device part, a mechanical device part, or an automobile part.

20. (New) A polyacetal resin composition comprising a polyacetal resin, a flame retardant, and a basic nitrogen-containing compound, wherein  
the flame retardant comprises a phosphorus-containing compound and an aromatic compound which accelerates flame retardation in association with the phosphorus-containing compound, wherein the aromatic compound is a compound having at least one member selected from the group consisting of a phenolic hydroxyl group and a phenolic amino group, or its derivative, or is at least one aromatic ring-containing resin selected from the group consisting of (i) a resin having an aromatic ring containing at least one group selected from a hydroxyl group and an amino group, (ii) an aromatic nylon resin, (iii) a polyarylate resin, (iv) an aromatic epoxy resin, and (v) an aromatic polyether resin, and wherein  
the proportion of the phosphorus-containing compound is 1 to 500 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the aromatic compound, and the total amount of the phosphorus-containing compound and the aromatic compound is 1 to 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyacetal resin.

21. (New) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 20, wherein the resin having an aromatic ring containing at least one group selected from a hydroxyl group and an amino group is at least one member selected from the group consisting of a phenolic aralkyl resin, a phenolic novolak resin, an aromatic vinyl resin, a phenol melamine novolak resin, and an aniline resin.

22. (New) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 20, wherein the proportion of the nitrogen-containing compound is 0.01 to 80 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyacetal resin.